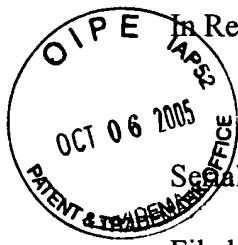


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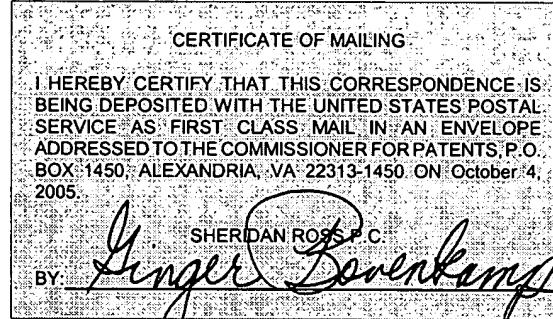
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL



Dear Examiner:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of August 8, 2005. Since this Response is timely filed prior to the 3 month statutory deadline of November 8, 2005, no additional fees are believed due at this time. However, if additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.